

Hometown girl takes Miss Majorette title

Tracy Lochmayer, who said she's lost count of how many trophies and medals she's won for baton twirling, is the first hometown girl to take a Miss Farmington Majorette title since it was initiated in conjunction with Founders Festival in 1972.

Tracy won "high point" award for the day, as well as the Miss Farmington Intermediate Majorette title, in the daylong competition on Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus.

The 11-year-old, who will enter fifth grade in Woodstock Elementary School this fall, has been competing with her baton for about two years.

But her win last week was the first time she has taken the high point count in all three of the competition's categories: modeling, strutting and twirling.

And for all of the competition, mostly in conjunction with the U.S. Twirling Association, and all of the medals and trophies she's amassed, Miss Farmington Intermediate Majorette is her first title.

What that means to Tracy is that she will be riding with her banner and VIP status, not marching and twirling, in next summer's Founders Festival Parade.

LATE LAST summer Tracy made the news by winning three trophies in Michigan State Fair competitions. She's an entrant now in the Miss Farmington State Fair Pageant, set for Aug. 27, where she'll be vying for another title.

Of those past three trophies, she says, "But I was in the juvenile division then. This will be my first year in Intermediate competition."

Tracy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albin Lochmayer of Farmington Hills. She studies baton with Debbie



Tracy Lochmayer

Gray and Pat Taylor. The study has won her awards for twirling, military strutting and two-baton performances.

Her older sister Cheryl was captain of North Farmington High School's majorette squad until her graduation in the spring of 1982. Her niece Heather Legault of Warren placed third in the Miss Farmington Beginners Majorette competition.

community calendar

SPORTS CARD SHOW

Saturday, Aug. 13: A sports card show runs 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. in Southfield Civic Center, Evergreen Road, between 10 and 11 p.m. in the benefit of Cystic Fibrosis Foundation with guests Glenn Wilson and Lance Parrish. Admission of Detroit Tiger memorabilia 4-6 p.m. No admission charge.

FARMERS MARKET

Saturday, Aug. 13: Farmers Market is 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Sackville Shops parking lot, in front of Lucy's Gift and Card Shop, 34631 Grand River, and returns each Saturday morning through Oct. 8.

KNITTING AND CROCHETING

Saturday, Aug. 13: Instruction in knitting and crocheting begins at 10 a.m. in Golden Fleece, 33305 Grand River. Pre-registration is necessary by calling the shop, 477-3898.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday-Friday, Aug. 14-18: Vacation Bible School is 9:30-11:30 a.m. each day in Faith Covenant Church, 35415 14 Mile for children from kindergarten age to those who have completed sixth grade. Pre-registration is not necessary. No charge.

VIKINGS REGISTRATION

Monday, Aug. 15: Registrations are taken up until 5:30 p.m. for The Vikings North Farmington-West Bloomfield Football Association for 9-14-year-old players and cheerleaders who begin practice at that time on North Farmington High School's field. Players are placed on, age and experience. Registration information given by Jim Sturdy, 553-7431 or 553-7253.

ENERGY COMMISSION

Thursday, Aug. 18: Farmington Hills Energy Commission regular monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington

Hills Council Chambers, Orchard Lake Road and 11 Mile. Open to all interested residents.

SUCCESS

Thursday, Aug. 18: "Success," program by Dr. John Rom who describes a new process which focuses on the critical ingredients for planning a satisfying and personally successful career, at 7 p.m. in Farmington Hills Branch Library, 32737 12 Mile Road. No charge, but reservations are necessary by calling the library, 553-0300.

PICNIC IN THE PARK

Thursday, Aug. 18: Picnic in the Park begins at 10 a.m. in Farmington City Park, Shawwassee and Power Road, for all area seniors, their children and grandchildren, hosted by Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department's Senior Adult Center. Guests bring their own lunch. Beverage, fun and games, prizes and surprises furnished by the hosts.

EVAN PICONE FASHIONS

Friday, Aug. 19: Show of Evan Picone Fashions with commentary on how to put fall fashion outfits together at 7 p.m. in Hudson's 12 Oaks. No charge.

LIZ CLAIBORNE FASHIONS

Saturday, Aug. 20: Fashion show of Liz Claiborne's fall collection at 3 p.m. in Hudson's 12 Oaks. No charge.

MONTESSORI OPEN HOUSE

Sunday and Thursday, Aug. 21 and 25: Farmington Square Montessori Open House 2-4 p.m. Sunday and 7-9 p.m. Thursday in its facilities in Salem United Church of Christ, 33424 Oakland. The private, non-profit preschool and kindergarten program is for children 2 1/2-6 years old.

YOUTH SYMPHONY AUDITIONS

Monday, Aug. 22: Deadline date for music students in grades 5-8 who wish to make an audition appointment to join the Metropolitan Youth Symphony in its 1983-84 season. Auditions will be held all day Saturday, Aug. 27 in Nardin Park United Methodist Church, Farmington Hills. Appointments are made by calling Martha Stefanko, 591-1408 or Betty Navoy, 561-7242.

Professor travels to Denmark to address design engineers

Professor George M. Kurajian, chairman of the department of mechanical engineering at University of Michigan-Dearborn and a resident of Farmington Hills, will present a paper at the International Conference on Engineering Design in Copenhagen, Denmark, this month.

His paper, "Thermodynamic and Electrical Analogs for Stress Failure Prediction - A Survey of the State of the Art" was co-written with Dr. T.Y. Na, also a professor at UM-D. It is a summary of four papers he wrote together on the practical possibilities of thermodynamic and electrical explanations for stress failure prediction, the first published in 1975, coupled with continuing work.

The biennial conference, held this year in Technical University of Denmark, will be attended by mechanical designers from all over the world. A dozen of the over 100 papers presented will be from American engineers. The intention of the conference is an international interchange of ideas in the expanding field of mechanical design.

TO ATTEND the conference, Professor Kurajian received grants from the National Science Foundation, the UM-D campus grant committee and support from the UM-D School of Engineering.

Professor Kurajian, who did his graduate work at U-M Ann Arbor, has

taught at UM-D for 19 years and is in his 35th year of teaching. He has been chairman of mechanical engineering since 1975.

An active member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, he is a member of the Executive Committee (presently vice chairman) of the Design Engineering Division of ASME. He is also a member and past chairman of the Reliability, Stress Analysis and Failure Prevention Committee of ASME. In the past dozen years, he has published 30 papers.

Professor Kurajian says the problems of stress failure he deals with in his papers are issues that have vitally interested him since he was in college. Throughout the years he has constantly searched for thermodynamic and electrical analogs for stress failure prediction, but nothing ever appeared that addressed his concerns.

Nine years ago, he and Na did a literature survey and found very little was written on these subjects. Kurajian and Na revived interest in the field with their papers.

Many applications are possible from their research including possibilities of



George Kurajian

monitoring and scanning for preventive maintenance of machines and structures such as airplanes.

Kurajian said a lot of work still needs to be done, but he has submitted this paper now because he wants to summarize what they "have done, are doing and will do."

Nursing home expects 350 for picnic

The staff of Farmington Nursing Home is preparing for its outdoor picnic, a once-a-year event scheduled for Saturday.

"It's an event that takes everyone of us to get ready for," said Rose Morgan, activities director for the home on Fulwom Road.

"We served 350 chicken dinners, with all the trimmings, to the residents and their families last year and expect we'll have about the same number again. It's a day for getting everybody out of doors including those who generally don't get out as a rule."

The chicken dinners, served picnic style, are followed by music by a band and other entertainment.



retirement memos

Margaret Miller

Hair today — what color?

The advice came from a hairdresser friend, the first in a succession of friends who have cut my hair in their homes and saved me the trauma of a beauty salon.

What she said was: "Don't let your hair get gray while you have young children."

So we decided, on that afternoon about 20 years ago, to cover the mousey tinge that was taking over my topknot with a rinse that closely matched my brown hair. Later we switched to a tint, and I stayed out of the gray-haired classification, a great comfort when reading bedtime stories and attending PTA meetings.

A few years later I was vacationing in Florida, and the brown tint bleached. I got more comment that year on the blonde hair than on the tanned skin. My neighbor, next in line of hair-dressing friends, suggested we switch tints, and I became a blonde, more or less.

FOUR BLONDE daughters kidded me about trying to look like them, and a lot of other people wanted to know if I was having more fun. The color was easy to maintain — just a visit next door every six weeks — so it stayed. It was startling sometimes to look at old pictures and see a self not only slimmer but also darker. But I didn't realize how much the blondeness had become part of the scene until the day our son-in-law was joining us in checking old photos.

"That one can't be you," he said, pointing to a picture of a little girl who indeed was me. "The hair is dark."

My daughter and I looked at each and laughed. "He really thinks I'm blonde," I told her.

Couldn't disillusion him, of course, and the tinting went on. Until the move to Florida to stay.

THE MOST RECENT and best of my hairdresser friends sent me off with instructions for whom it might concern — what brand of color to use and how to use it.

Six weeks later, with considerable trepidation, I took myself and the instructions to a local salon. I had reason to worry. The young woman to whom I had committed my head looked at the instructions and then used a different brand and differing tinting. Something didn't work right, she said airily, so she counteracted it with more goop.

The finished job looked OK, but maybe I was supposed to keep it out of the sun. After a few visits to the beach, I was sporting a roof of straw thatch.

BACK IN MICHIGAN for a visit, I made my way speedily to my friend's basement chair. She occurred it might be best for a year-round Floridian to skip the tint. After all, I didn't have young children around anymore, and it was all right for a grandma to be gray, wasn't it?

She clipped off the dyed and dried parts, and I came home to await the growing of my "real" hair. I didn't know what to expect, and what I've got seems to be a mixture of brown, gray and bleached.

Husband Joe still seems to recognize me, though. And as for our son-in-law, well, maybe when he finds out what color my hair really is, he'll let me know.

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